

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2020 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 16	Mar 16
Feb	Mar 27	Mar 31
Mar	Apr 17	Apr 21
Apr	May 22	May 27
May	Jun 19	Jun 23
Jun	Jul 17	Jul 21
Jul	Aug 21	Aug 25
Aug	Sep 18	Sep 22
Sep	Oct 20	Oct 20
Oct	Nov 20	Nov 24
Nov	Dec 18	Dec 22
Dec	Jan 26	Jan 26

Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Manufacturing Employment
2019	May	1,589,300	228,500
	Jun	1,593,100	229,900
	Jul	1,594,900	229,400
	Aug	1,595,600	228,700
	Sep	1,596,100	228,600
	Oct	1,596,400	228,100
	Nov	1,594,100	227,900
	Dec	1,591,000	226,500

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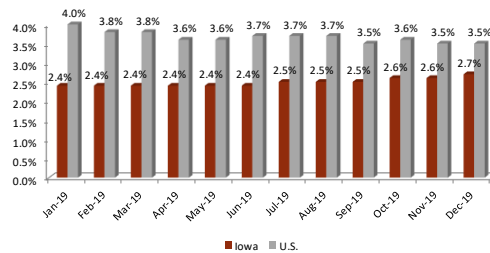
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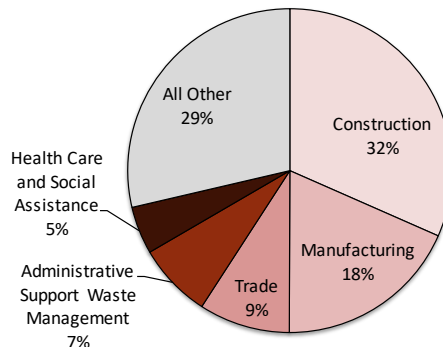
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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates 2019



- Iowa's unemployment rate increased slightly to 2.7 percent in December. The state's jobless rate was 2.4 percent one year ago.
- The state's total employment level rose to 1,716,100 in December from 1,711,700 in November.
- The U.S. unemployment rate remained at 3.5 percent in December.

Regular UI Benefits by Industry January 2019 Through December 2019



Source: Iowa Workforce Development, Labor Market Information

- Construction accounted for 32 percent of UI benefits paid during 2019.
- Manufacturing's share of UI benefits increased from 16 percent in 2018 to 18 percent in 2019 due primarily to an increase in temporary layoffs.

- Iowa establishments lost 3,100 jobs in December. This was the second consecutive drop for the state.
- Manufacturing pared the most jobs in December (-1,400). Most of the declines were in durable goods shops. This is the sixth consecutive decline for manufacturing.
- Trade and transportation shed 1,200 jobs. This sector was hindered by weakness in transportation and warehousing.
- Professional, scientific, and technical services shed 1,200 jobs. This sector is down 500 jobs since last December.
- Construction added a surprising 1,500 jobs in December and is now up 4,500 jobs to lead all sectors. Much of the gain has been within specialty trades.
- Leisure and hospitality gained 1,200 jobs in December.
- Total nonfarm employment is down 2,400 jobs versus last December. Trade, transportation and warehousing has pared the most jobs (-3,300) followed by professional and business services (-2,900).
- U.S. total nonfarm employment added 145,000 jobs in December.

Iowa Total Nonfarm Employment January 2018 - December 2019

